

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the Office Action issued January 10, 2008, claims 1-3, 6-9, 11-12, and 21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Muller, U.S. Patent No. 4,807,141 ("Muller"). Claims 13 and 16 were allowed and claims 4, 5, 10, 14, and 15 were indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 1, 2, 6, 7, 9, 11-13, and 21 were objected to due to informalities.

Claims 4-5, 10, and 13-16 are now pending in this application. Claims 1-3, 6-9, 11-12, and 17-21 have been canceled, thus, the rejections of these claims are now moot. Claims 4, 5, 10, 14, and 15 have been amended in independent form including all of the requirements of the base claim and any intervening claims and claim 16 has been amended in order to overcome the objections. No new matter has been added.

As all claims now include subject matter that was indicated as being allowable, it is believed that all claims are now in form for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration of this case and early issuance of the Notice of Allowance are respectfully requested.

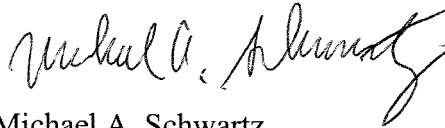
Additional Fees:

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any insufficient fees or credit any overpayment associated with this application to Deposit Account No. 50-4545 (5243-006-US01).

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, all of the Examiner's rejections to the claims are believed to be overcome. The Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and issuance of a Notice of Allowance for all the claims remaining in the application. Should the Examiner feel further communication would facilitate prosecution, he is urged to call the undersigned at the phone number provided below.

Respectfully Submitted,



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